Ashcham.
August 1907.

Friday. Aug. 3rd.

Sat. 4th Aug.

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Sun. 5th Aug.

Ashcham.

Came to Atheham. Walked out from Lewes. Stopped raining for the first time since Sunday. Men mending the wall & roof at Atheham. Will has dug up the bed in front, leaving only one dahlia. Bees in attic Chimney.

Rained all the morning very hard. Newspapers sent on to Telscombe, but Signalman lent us the daily News. To post at Southease in the afternoon. Back over the downs. very wet. Corn beaten down by rain. 2. made book cases.

Dull morning. Getting steadily finer until it became a very hot & sunny afternoon. Walked on M's walk. Saw 3 perfect peacock butterflies, 1 Silver washed frit; besides innumerable blues feeding on dung. All freshly out & swarming on the hill. Small flowers out in great quantities. Found

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6th Aug. 1918. Egg 4/6. doz.

Tues: 7th Aug.

mushrooms, mostly in the hollow. Enough for a dish. Barbara & Bunny after dinner stayed for tea & dinner.

Very fine hot day. (Bank Holiday). Sound of band in Lewes from the Downs. Guns heard at intervals. Walked up the downs at the back. Got plenty of mushrooms. Butterflies in quantities. Ladies Bedstraw, Round-headed Rampion, Thyme, Marjoram. Saw a grey looking hawk — not the usual red-brown one. A few plums on the tree. We have begun to cook apples. Eggs 2/9 doz: from Mr. Attfield.

Queer misty day. Sun not strong enough to come through. Went to Brighton after lunch. German prisoners working in the field by Woods' Hill. Laughing with the soldier, a woman passing. Went to Pier; tea at Bootho; horrible men at our table; stayed at Lewes on way

Wed. 8th Aug.

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Thursday 9th Aug.

back. Bicycled back from Glynde. N. & L. went to get mushrooms, & found several, also blackberries getting ripe, only have no sugar for jam.

Mist again. went to post at Southeare. L's foot very bad. Saw wooden pews put into traction engine at Rodmell Church; a man without a hand, a hook instead. Met Mrs. Attfield with dead chicken in a parcel, found dead in the nettles, head wrung off, perhaps by a person. Home over downs. Fair haul of mushrooms again, best in hollow. Alix came: Jain storm after tea, then fine.

To get mushrooms with Alix: L. stayed down sawing wood, as his foot was bad. Bunny over, & climbed the roof to see bees; didn't take them: to be left till autumn.

Friday 10th Aug.

Sat. 11th Aug.

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Sunday 12th Aug.

L. up to Labour Conference in London.
Fine day again. Alix & I to
hills for blackberries. We found
them in patches very plentiful.
The servants got huge mushrooms
called 'plate' mushrooms; the Aberd
'natives' so the Woolers say.

To picnic near Firle, with Bells &c.
Packed German prisoners cutting
wheat with hooks. Officers &
woman with orderly galloped onto
the downs. Rain came on after tea,
so made a fire & wood.
Henry followed us home, but did
& frightened the servants.

Walked up mushrooming. L's leg
still bad. Saw a large green
caterpillar in hollow, with 3
purply spots on each side by the
head. Mushrooms old & black.
Horse mushrooms out in great
circles; but very few real ones.
R. & Lor. to Charleston.

Monday, 13th Aug.

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Tuesday 14th Aug.

went into Lewes with Alix: she left us in the High St. L. had his leg looked at; probably a strain. Market in Lewes. Calves wrapped in sacking lying on platform. Walked back from Glynde. To get mushrooms before dinner; every grass almost had blues asleep on it. Found very few mushrooms, having seen the shepherd bring a bag down in the morning. Warned by Lottie that Will was going to blow up ~~ants~~ wasp nest after dinner, so we watched: much smell, explosion, wasps swarmed. This was done twice in nest near the hole in the wall.

To get mushrooms & blackberries: the rings of horse mushrooms seem to put an end to the others: we only got a few. Found G.L.D. when we came in. Offered a bag of mushrooms by shepherd, but found them all horses, harmless, but too timid to try. Wall ~~down~~ done about now - not - success.

Wednesday 15th Aug.

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Thursday 16th Aug.

Nessa, Mabel, & children came to tea.
Our pink flower she says is phlox:
not stocks. Went into hollow
with nut trees; but Nelly found
more mushrooms on the top.
The Co-ops will allow more
sugar, & we can now make jam.
Gunn charges 4½ quart for milk.
Duncan over for 5 mins. They
walked home at 10 over the
Downs. Quentin ate till he
was nearly sick at tea.

L. & Gth. D. played chess all the
afternoon. I went to post at
Southsea: the church now
surrounded by scaffolding poles,
& old wood panels leaning
against the wall: bricklayers
sitting by the gate. Woman
asked me to find her children
paddling in river: they did not
want to go home. L. S.
arrived. went into the hollow.

Friday Aug 17th

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Sat. Aug 18th

Sunday Aug 19th

All these days have been very fine, hot, blue sky, rather a high wind. Same again today. L.S. wrote on the terrace in the morning: G.L.D. & L. played Chess there in the afternoon. G.L.D decided to go to Guildford, so we walked to Bedlingham with him. L's foot better, but got worse with walking. Found no mushrooms; we suppose the rain brought them prematurely. No yeast, so had to eat Bakers bread, wh. is very dry & dull.

Went into Lewes, with prisoners. Saw Cinema; bought several things. Met K.M.: her train very late. Bought 1 dog: lily roots & some red leaved plants wh. have been put in the big bed.

Sat in the hollow; & found the caterpillar, now becoming a Chrysalis, wh. I saw the other day. A horrid sight: head turning from side to side. tail paralysed; brown colour, purple spots just visible; like a snake in movement. No mushrooms. Walked over the Down with L.S. B. & Mr. Garnett for dinner

Monday Aug. 20th

(English Maryland 11d.
S. Kensington Station)

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Tuesday, Aug. 21st

To Firle after tea over the Down.
The thistledown has been blowing
about these last few days.
Shepherd says mushrooms come for-
fortnight a go for a fortnight.
Very fine still, always S.E.
wind, rather high. Home by the
fields. A great deal of the corn
has to be cut by hand. Men
still working, women too
at 7.

L. to London for Second Conference.
Very hot. L.S. went to Charleston
after tea. K. M. & I walked
as M's walk. The thistledown
beginning to blow. Saw the
Silver Queen over the Down,
going towards Brighton & coming
back again. A great many
aeroplanes passed over the
house. Most of the butterflies
have left spots on their
necks — some parasite. Planted
a red flower with bulb given by
Mrs Wooler to Nelly. Some root of lily.

Wednesday Aug. 22nd.

L. brought me 10
packets of cigarettes: important
stopped.

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Thursday Aug 23rd.

L. up to London again to see man
from the foreign Office. Very hot &
windy again. Thistledown blowing
across the lane & over the field
very thick. L. M. went after-
lunch. in the fly from the Ram
which took Lytton's bag also.
Two mowing machines, with
3 horses each, cutting the corn
on the field ~~&~~ across the road.
Cutting round & round; finished
last patch about 5. Corn
already cut & standing on the
field across the river. Eating
potatoes from the garden. There was a
mid to day. Ramsgate.

Glad to be alone. Leg cured
now. Lottie sick from eating plums
at Charleston. We walked along
the top, finding a few mushrooms,
& down the next hollow, in
hopes of some, but found none.
Odd that they should stick to Ashcham.
Mist & rain; but on the whole fine,
Weird very high. Heather growing
on the top, making it look purple: never
seen it there before.

Friday, Aug. 24th.

Saturday, Aug. 25th.

Wood from the church so rotten that it left sawdust on the grass where it stood.

Sunday, Aug. 26th

Wind still higher. Nelly went to Lewes to fetch book sent for review; almost blown off on bridge. We walked, startled hawk in the hollow, & found the feathers of a pigeon, he having carried away the bird.

I went to post at Southease. L. Gardened. Another windy day. Seeing the church surrounded by scaffolding, I went in, found floor up, pews taken away, ladders all about. A notice to say that restoration will cost £227. The church those in 966 A.D. Holes in the tower & roof visible. Men at work carting corn & in the field by the road.

We meant to have a picnic at Firle, but rain started, as we were ready, & so went to post at Beddingham instead. Left my macintosh in the hedge, so it came down hard, & we

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Monday. Aug. 27/15.

were very wet. It rained hard & steadily the whole evening & was raining violently when we went to bed. This is the first bad day we have had; even so, the morning was fine. The high wind of the last few days has broken leaves off, although only a few of the trees have begun to turn. Swallows flying in great numbers very low & Swift in the field. The wind has brought down some walnuts, but they are unripe; the wasps eat holes in the plums, so we shall have to pick them. My watch stopped.

We had meant to go to Eastbourne, to get my watch mended, anyway other things, but about 12 it not only blew very hard but rained. The road full of swallows, a leaves broken off in branches, so that the trees already look thin. I think that the swallows are driven in to the hollow by the gale, in hopes

Tues. 28th
~~Wed 29th~~ Aug

that flys may be out in the shelter.
Swallows & leaves wheeling about look
much the same. L- took ms- to
Catch London train at Glynde: then
We walked by M's walk onto the
Down; got some blackberries: the
bushes laden with them; & a
few mushrooms. Such wind & rain
however that we were wet through
& had to come home. Lit wood
fire after tea. We have had them
after dinner, but not yet after tea.
Rained steadily; water came through
the garden door.

Another most appalling day. Leaves &
Swallows flown about in the field:
Garden dishevelled. Branches strewn
across the road; corn cocks tumbled
over; rain drenching. Servants had
meant to go to Brighton: but Sam
up. Had forgotten to order meat so
had to walk to Firle. Wind behind us
going. A tree down at corner by the
pond. made a frightful noise as
one went beneath them. But it
stopped raining, & then was some
blue sky over the downs. Early

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Wed. 29th Aug.

Thursday 30th Aug.

closing in Firle. Grocer doing stamps in lamplight. Telephone broken by gale. Home against the wind, but dry. German prisoners now working for Hoper: Work very well, if given tea at 4.30, ~~when~~ wh. they insist upon, & will then work an extra hour. Impossible to carry corn in this weather. Gunn comes very seldom. Harvest sh. was good, now said to be ruined. Rain started again in the evening. Had to have a candle to end dinner with. Fire before dinner.

Another very bad day, though wind less furious. Swallows flying higher. Papers say storm has been all over England. Tremendous rain in the afternoon; which stopped, & we went to post at Southeast, arguing about education, back over the hill; a fine evening - great sun appeared as we dined, & sunset for the first time since Saturday.

Nor actually raining, though dark so the servants went to Brighton. I went over the Downs: L. cut

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Friday 31st Aug.

the grass in the garden. Trees have
suddenly turned brown & shriveled
in their exposed sides. Though still
green in shelter; as if dried up
by very hot sun. No autumn
tints. Blue butterflies ragged &
washed out. L. was stung on
the ankle by a wasp. Its cut
into three nest. Barbara &
Mrs Bagenal came over to tea &
dinner, which we had to
scratch up for them. Servants
being out. Rain came on after
dinner again; but wind much
fallen.

Last day of August a very beautiful
one. Wind soft, & steadily grew
finer & hotter so that we sat
out on the terrace after tea.
L. cut grass again, & I went
on the water-meadows & so
round onto the road, up the
down. Creeping behind old
Bos arguet. I saw a herd
of cows at the top of the down
driven by a soldier & a man

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1st Sept. Saturday.

on a large black home. Very odd sight. The mushroom seems to be extinct. After dinner it still being light a hot, we took the ants wasps nest, burning it thoroughly, though when we left it, wasps were swarming at the mouth. Great guerbon about Mrs Woolers Chicken; offers it for 2/6. Eggs now gone up to 3/- the dozen. Sausages have come in.

In spite of a perfect moonlit night mist rain & wind. Black all over the downs this morning. As bad as ever. However it blew so hard that it stopped raining in the afternoon. We went into the hollow, started a great hare, a thin saw a man shooting. In fact they had shot at pigeons very near us. We went round over the top. Seems now mid-autumn, or even early winter from the look of things. Has an ugly leaden colour outside, as if thunderclouds. flowers beaten down. brown; butterflies scarcely flying.

2nd Sept. Sunday.

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3rd Sept Monday

L. to hawes to meet Mrs. W. & B. who came here about 7. Lovely night again. A great white owl, looking like a sea gull, sat on the rail, & flew about. Mushrooms started on my patch. L. took warbs.

Uncertain, windy weather with showers in the morning; but the sun seemed to get the better steadily, & it was a fine afternoon. Round Mt. walk in a high wind, with the visitors. Hawks out, but saw nothing else. A superb evening, hot on the terrace & light over the downs till past 9. A fine September predicted. According to the papers, in most parts every day in Aug. had rain - one of the worst on record; so we have been in luck. H.W. & M.A. went after tea.

Perfect day; completely blue, without cloud or wind. as it settled for ever. Watched dog herdings sheep. Rooks beginning to fly over the trees, both morning & evening, sometimes with starlings.

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4th Sept. Monday

Mrs. W. & B. went after lunch. Took us to Lewes with them. Asked about watch; but can't get it done for 3 months. Boots gone up to 40/- but found an old 15/ pair in a small shop, uh. I bought; & then found a good pair in the cupboard at home. Back by train; L. bicycled. Made straight line across fields from Glynde. a very good way. met Nelly bringing back coop: box, so walked with her. Evening so fine we went out again into the hollow - saw a shining spot, which we could not find when we came up to it. Painted Lady seen near Glynde.

Woke to find the house in a mist. We have seen this on the meadows at night. It cleared, & was a perfect day. almost without wind. In the afternoon we began to pick our apples; I did the lower ones & L. the higher ones, on a farm ladder. In the middle, Clive & Mary H: appeared, so I had to stop. They stayed for tea & dinner, & walked back over the downs.

5th Sept. Wednesday.

6th Sept. Thursday.

7th Sept. Friday.

Another fine morning. I walked a
L. dd the garden. I saw a clouded
yellow on the top - very dap yellow
the first for a long time. Clouds
brewed over the Lea. a it began to
rain at tea; then great thunder
Claps, a lightning. Difficult to
distinguish thunder from guns.
German prisoners walked across
the field. They are now helping
on this farm. Corn over the road
Still standing in shocks uncarted.
Servants stayed at Charlton
all night; say that there was
Gun fire as well as thunder.

To the post at Southease. A fine
day. Int nothing particular to be
noticed.

In to Lewes, by Slyde, a the
new way across the fields, to the
Station. Shotted, a back
Expecting Pernel, but she never
Came. A very hot, steamy day.
A Snake. Grass, about 2 feet
twisted across the path in front of us

8th Sept. Saturday.

9th Sept. Sunday.

We went to get blackberries on the top. Found enough easily for a pudding. A cloud over the land all day, & wet late in the evening, when the sun came out beneath it in an odd way. Pernel came. Then Philip. M. then Sydney W. as we were sitting down to dinner.

An almost motionless day; no blue sky; almost like a winter day, save for the heat. Very quiet. Over to picnic at Forle in the afternoon. Nena & 5 children came after we had done: sat outside the trees. Walked home over the downs. Red sky over the sea. Woods almost as thin as winter; but very little colour in them.

Monday, 10th ~~Aug~~ Sept.

Tuesday 11th Sept.

to post at Southeare, but my boots hurt, from being too big. So we sat down, & L. went on. A perfect rather misty but cloudless day. Still a very hot. Odd to find no flowers in the hedges, all brown & dead, because of the storm. Often a sound like rain, which turns out to be leaves falling. German prisoners stacking corn at the back of the house. They whistle a great deal. much more complete tunes than our workmen.
A great brown jug for their tea.

Went over the downs by the farm: saw 2 clouded yellows by the warren, & another pair on towards Bishopstone. Heard guns & saw two aircraft manoeuvring over the sea & valley. Found Lady's Tresses, a Field Gentian on the downs. Very hot day, but cold in the evening, so had fire. Swallows have gone. L. left the field. Fennel left. Fronting with leaves & planted it in the garden

Wed. 12th Sept.

Monday 13th Sept.

I bicycled to Charleston, getting there at 12.30. A long & rather dull bit of road between Glynde & Charleston. but going slowly it is easy to do it in under the hour. L. came after tea & we bicycled back the other way by Beanstalk lane. Discovered a probable shoot cut. Gigantic sun; colder, & windier than before. Commenced opposite carried about now.

A windy day. I went into the Down, after going to Southeare. They have taken a slice out of the Church tower; you can see a wooden frame inside. Blew up a storm of rain. had a fire after tea; servants to Charleston, home in storm over the downs. Had tea in Kitchen, & saw old man who is thatching the ricks raking apples off the tree into a bucket. L. ~~[illegible]~~ called out "When you've done!" & he ran away.

Friday, 14th Sept.

Saturday 15th Sept.

~~It~~ Meant to go to Lewes, as it became fine, but my bicycle found punctured; very annoying; but it was hopeless to start, so Nelly went instead on Mrs. Hammond's & got us a lot of things. Very hot & fine by degrees; seems to take a lot of time to get really fine. We went after mushrooms but found none - Almost disappointing season - Cut up a great fungus like cheese.

A perfect day for our treat. We went to Eastbourne. Sat in Devonshire park & watched tennis & heard band. Saw an aeroplane in field near Glynde. It looked like a toy. Children round it: man working propellers round. Had tea & ice: bought Kodak; home to Lewes, where we bought stuff &c: Lord Highlecil

Sunday. Sept. 16th.

got out of the train at Glynde,
with a Guardsman &c: very
amusing to watch: he had
3 leather bags: dressed as
flying officer; quite white haired

An almost sunless, but fine day.
Clouds too high for rain. Walked
to Firle & had picnic. L. went
on with Kodak to Charleston.
I waited for him by the trees.
After a time, Robin Mayor & Bobo
M. came, to my surprise: at
Jolland (wh. they still have) for
week end: had let it to
Belgians. L. came back; h:
thought it the Kodak wd.
cause great jealousy, so kept it.
Silver Queen over sea: a
bar of red across the sea,
like last Sunday. Will
brought his ferrets & caught a
rabbit for the servants.

Monday, 17th Sept.

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Wed. 19: have had 6 eggs from Mrs. W.
3 " " Will.

There are 2 over (Wed. A.M)

Thurs: 6 eggs fr. Mrs Att:

There are 5 at Thurs. AM.

~~Thurs~~ Wed. 19th Sept.

Servants went in float, driven by Will, at 10: Mr. Hammond came. Time changed at 3 to winter time. A windy changeable day. Telegram from Macs' after lunch. Molly cant come; D. comes tomorrow. Went to post at Southeare & back the usual way over the downs, talking about arctic regions. Raining. Made chair cover after tea. A very dark evening, by new time.

A furious wet day; rain lashing across, sea mist when not pouring. Nevertheless we started for Lewes; but were driven back at the turning by the water mill. Spent afternoon indoors, a treat. Settled down after dinner to print photographs, deciding that D wouldn't come; but

Wed: 19th Sept.

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Thursday 20th Sept.

he arrived at 8; had driven out in a fly; had to find some dinner for him.

Telegram to put off picnic. Day looked very bad. rained & blew all the afternoon. Walked with W. to Rodmell to ask about whiskey. Public House shut up; man came & ed. sell us none till 6. Stayed talking about the war "What's it for?" & how soldiers wd. break the windows if they came home & found no beer. Met German prisoners on the road W. said Guten Tag. & they all answered. Sentry said nothing. Real winter now.

Another grey windy day, though not so much rain. Brilliant sun & blue sky for about 10 minutes in the afternoon. L. had to get whiskey in Rodmell. Picked apples, he on the table. Then

Friday 21st Sept.

Saturday 22nd Sept.

to get milk at cottage. a round into hollow, where we found 3 mushrooms; the spine & red legs of a bird, just devoured by a hawk — either pigeon or partridge. Very windy, but a starry night.

A fine day happily, though windy. L. went into Lewes to have his hair cut. I walked round Mi walk with Desmond. Lay down a great deal in the sun, talking about society in the 70ties. Five Silver Queens over the sea round Newhaven looking for submarines &c: Sapp.

Another very fair day. Though well in autumn now. The rooks settling on the trees, making a great noise in the early morning. A few walnuts

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Sunday. 23rd Sept.

Monday 24th Sept.

ripe. Dahlia fully out in the bed.
Trees new so thin that I can see
the postman through them at the
top of the hill. The Clover in
field opposite has been cut, o
lies on the field. Still some
corn standing across the downs.
Sat in the terrace after lunch:
L: did garden. D. went to
Glynde after tea: we sat over
fire.

Fine day. picked apples in the
afternoon, a stoll straw & laid
them on straw in the attics.
Strolled out after tea. It
becomes suddenly very cold.
A more wintry sunset - very
highly coloured. Too cold
to stay out late.
Story after Dinner.

Desmond left at 9 in the fly.

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Tuesday 25th Sept.

An absolutely perfect autumn day. Lewes lay under mist, gradually lifting. No wind. To Lewes. 1 to Glynde. L. bicycling all the way in order to buy plants. I met Duncan at Glynde. Going on his holiday. Had 2 pears. Great crowd for the London train. Apparently my letter to Nina lost. Shopped in Lewes. Back to Glynde a bicycled home. Through a herd of Alderney: Goat got in front & ran some way. Superb sunset. Men road working very late carting the clover. A threshing machine at work behind the wood.

The day looked so fine that we planned a picnic at Telscombe. However it turned windy with a strange black haze over the sun - like a sea mist gone black, & only in parts. for it was very fine over Lewes. But it seemed

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Wednesday 26th Sept.

too cold to picnic far away. so we went into the valley by the described farm. Saw a woman painting. I asked her to keep an eye on my bicycle. Went into the valley, up a little on the other side. Had tea there. Found a field of corn flowers & poppies. apparently sown in rows. picked a bunch. also some roots wh. L. has planted in the front garden.

A rather cold day. though fine. L. picked apples, having borrowed the shepherd's ladder. I went to post at Southease. Passed 2 troops of cadets. Each headed by officer & chaplain. Home over the down - a stray hare running along the road the only other incident. Our sun flowers out now. A shooting party walking about. firing a good deal.

Thursday, 27th Sept.

Friday 28th Sept.

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Saturday 29th Sept.

A fine still day. Walked along the top. after getting a few apples in a butterfly net, & found the best clumps of mushrooms for a long time in the hollow. Still hazy. perfectly fine day. The Woolers picked apples; were given help.

Another very sweet day, which grew dark. Thought warm - Still. Bicycled to Charleston. Roger there. Fine & border of flowers. Monkbretia(?) is the name of the orange lily. Old man brought our flowers out.

L. came over at 3.30. Morning very lovely - seems settled into perfect weather now. Took a great many photographs. Aeroplane over the house early - which may mean another raid. Night bright moonlight. Home bicycling across the fields all

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Sunday 30th Sept.

the way - more than a mile shorter than the other way. A Great Red Sun sinking about 6.
L. says the Wrens came a picked walnuts off the tree this morning - saw one flying with walnut in his beak.
Has planted the Japanese anemone's etc - in the front bed, in the terrace & in the back garden. We mean to abolish the large round bed.

A perfect day. Up on the Top. & found a handkerchief full of mushrooms. Met Nena - Roger walking up to meet us. They heard guns over London & saw lights last night. Another raid. We heard nothing, save Wm. Hammond, who heard the guns very loud, as she went home. Clear still moonlit nights. They went back after tea.

Mon: 1st October.

Tues. 2nd Oct.

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Bicycled in to Lewes - there & back.
Passed a drunk man being driven into
Lewes on his fruit cart by a
policeman. Met another shoaking
held by 2 policemen in Lewes.
Market presumably. Shopped.
Met Roger. Anxious about
raids. Another last night
between 7 & 8. We listened
but saw & heard nothing.
The weather still perfectly fine
warm without wind. Men came &
fetched fallen
trees. dragging them with horses.

Another fine day. Started the
path in the walled garden this
afternoon & the flower bed by it.
We make the path with cobbles
from the wall, & work the
old cement in. Great fun to do,
& looks very nice from the
drawing room already.
Children came to tea. Looked
about the house; we gave
them 2 of L's heads of deer

Wednesday, 3rd Oct.

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Thursday 4th Oct.

which they liked very much. Walked a little way back into the down for mushrooms, which Clare began again. Had to lie down to escape Henry who ran over the top. Clouded after tea. Heard firing

Not such a fine day. Wind rose & grew cloudy. However the raids will be stopped. Did the garden path all the afternoon. Planted some wall flowers, daisies, foxgloves. Into the hollow after tea, when almost dark. Had to send Will in for book to Lewes. Got wonder. He only came back at 10: knocked - could not make us hear (so he says).

Our last day a thoroughly bad one from the point of view of weather. Wind & rain; completely black

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sky. L. had to go, walking there & back,
to Lewes to order our car for
tomorrow. I went round Mis
walk for the last time. Rain shifted,
but wind so tremendous that
here. Duncan wouldn't be able
to come as arranged. Mushroom
season evidently setting in. Found
several on the top. Had to
lean against the wind coming down.
Great fall of walnuts. Men
throwing sticks to bring them
down. Couldn't work at the
path. A fine starry night however.

Monday Oct. 29th.

" Tuesday Oct. 30th.

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Came down with Saxon. Lewes very dark drove out, & found no fires lit, Mrs. Altfield not expecting us so late she said. Nothing visible of the garden; a wind all night

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Not much change in the country since we left: Gulls flying with rooks over the field opposite half of which is ploughed. A wet morning, but fine later, & we walked to the Killicks for milk. Trees in the drive Lemon coloured, but not perceptibly thinner. Rook over the trees early in the morning. Very few eggs to be had; ~~butter~~ very scarce in Lewes. Milk 7d. a quart at Killicks. Sunflowers dead, & garden very untidy & withered. Will hasn't done anything.

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Christmas. 1917.

No milk to be had either from Gan or Killicks. We got a certain amount from Bottens. 7½ quart. had to make up with Nestles a Ideal Milk. Eggs 5d each. Had to buy Dried Eggs. Turkey 2/6 lb: so did not buy one. Bought a chicken which cost 6/- from Mrs Attfield. Able to get 4 lbs. sugar weekly from Coops. Christmas itself was wonderfully fine - frosty, but still. It took us 5 hours to come down, owing to fog & frost. Liz L has 2 children here for Christmas & till new year.

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1918.
April 2nd: Ran home 2/6
U: in Lewes.

ka came for the week end -
Julian & Quentin: Two very
bad days. But now (Jan. 3rd)
it is quite still, heavy frost
on the grass, unclouded blue
sky. Trees of course quite
bare, with an occasional
patch of soft bloom on them.
Prisoners at work in the
Ditches. Threshing machine
at on the road to Firle.
Read Augo; Othello; received
2 books; Clive; Maynard
over. spent a night at
Charleston. Ran Honey 1/ a lb. in
Lewes.

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We came down in Feb. after influenza
for 10 days; but I made no notes.
It was very fine, & I was able to
sit in the garden. L: did the
Garden, & planted wall flowers
round the wall & the walled
Garden, also some St John's
Wort ~~to fall~~ by the opening to
Cover it as much as possible.
We got milk at Boltons.
Rationing started the last day
or two.

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Sunday, March 24th.

Easter, 1918.

Came down on March 21st.
The weather the best we can
remember at this time. Daffodils
out in the garden; wall flowers
coming out; primulas out,
everything very well. We put in daisy
path is a great success. Some
daffodils there, besides a promise
of sweet williams & wallflowers later on.

Duncan came over after lunch &
L went back with him to
Charleston. I spent the afternoon
on the tiles in the sun. Very
wonderful & hot. Had to wear
straw hat. The downs were
swarming with little black
beetles yesterday. The day
before an extraordinary mist
covered the downs, so that one
couldn't see the train from M's

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walk, but Arkcham & beyond in bright sunshine. Coming in the train this mist came suddenly over the Downs, made them look like snow mountains. Eggs are 4d from Mrs. Wooler. She has had a record year. makes 16/ a week latterly. no milk to be had from Bottens, on account of the lambs. Killick will give us a goat. Otherwise we have to fetch it from Gunns - 3½ miles. Gunn very angry about the lambs. They & the ewes have died in large numbers; makes a loss on them. A few brown heath butterflies. A few bees. Leaves of orchids are out upon the Downs. No guns heard, save in the Channel apparently, though the fighting is so heavy. The news this (Monday) morning very bad.

Sunday, 26th March.

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Wednesday 29th March.

News of the battle rather better today.
L. heard guns yesterday morning.
Afternoon in the garden. L. planted
vegetables. I sewed. L. found
ground dry yesterday. We forgot
the change to summer time on
Sunday. so didn't have breakfast
till 10. I heard what I thought
the first half of cuckoo, but the
book say its too early. ~~Bad~~
More clouds yesterday, but still
rainy & windless. 12
aeroplanes in order went over
us after tea. Tortoiseshell butterflies
out. We went to Lewes.

Very windy, but gradually getting
finer. Started with L. on
bicycles to fetch milk. His
punctured, so I walked his to
Killicks & back. Its went to
Gunns. Colder, & very windy

Monday 28th March.

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Friday (illegible) 29th March

A great wind all day; very cold & cloudy. We walked to Killick's to fetch milk, & stores; home meeting N: L. had to ride her bicycle back. Lydia came when we'd done tea; but not Barbara. The crowd at Victoria very great. Weather suddenly changed & became quiet, so that we walked on the terrace.

Barbara went to tea & had been unable to get into the train, but would try again. Lydia. I walked for milk, & to Glynde. A tremendous wind but fine. We met Robin Mayor on Dodds' Hill. Went on to Killick's with him. Barbara did not come. Rain very good for the garden. Walls coming out against the wall.

Saturday, 30th March.

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Sunday. 31st March.

Monday 1st April.

Leyton was sick & stayed in bed.
A very wet windy day; rain
panny from drizzle to downpour.
We decided not to go to tea with
the Mayors as we had said.
L. went with a note & brought
coffee. I walked back & waited
for him in a barn, when they
had cut mangolds which smelt
very strong. A hen sat on
ate them. L. came & we
walked back, very wet. Leyton
stayed in bed all day. Barbara
never came. I can see bad
on some of the trees from my
windows. what rather than green.

A windy day, but fine. went to
fetch milk. nothing particular
to be seen. Barbara unable
to get into train

Do get the papers at the halt.
Saw the first chestnut leaves
out in the avenue. They are
on the most sheltered branches.

Thursday 2nd April.

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home over downs. A few small
beetles. Hens. Magnard for tea.
Wind less a bright sun. but
very cold at night. Mist over
the meadows.

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2 Beddingham for milk. They now
give us 3 pts. L: to London:
via East Grinstead to avoid the
Crowd. Windy still but
otherwise fine hot weather.
Rose leaves out daily. L:
has dug & levelled the round
bed & planted grass seed. He
came back for tea. We planted
seeds in the walled garden after
tea: nasturtiums, columbines
under the shrubs; wall flowers
out a very splendid red &
yellow. James & Rod came as
we finished dinner; had taken
train to Newhaven by mistake.

Wednesday April 3rd.

Thursday April 4th.

Rather bad weather, though not actually raining. Lytton went to Charleston. Noel & I walked to fetch milk. L. did garden. A thick misty evening. Roots building in the evening. Gunn has lost blood by the map here. Eggs 4d.

Fine day very dull & drizzly. Walked for milk. Coming back found the first cowslip on the bank, not quite out but almost. Otherwise few signs of spring, though the leaves would be out with a day's sun.

Wednesday July 31st

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Thursday Aug 1st.

Friday Aug. 2nd.

Au: July 31st 1918.

We came down meaning to get the train to E. Grinstead. It was said to be impossible to find room in the trains direct to Lewes. However we found places at Clapham Junction, though very crowded. The first really fine & hot day for some time. Walked from Glynde, & lunched in a field. Garden very overgrown. Japanese lilies alive though small.

A fine day. Coal has disappeared from the cellar. This is attributed to Saxon's Mrs. Mason; but we find that one of the keys is missing, & also the cottagers are without coal. We shall have difficulty in getting any. Eggs 4/6 a doz: from Mrs. Wooler.

Pouring hard all the morning. Fairly dry after tea. Went into the hollow & found mushrooms. Eating our own broad beans — delicious.

Saturday
~~Friday~~ 3rd Aug.

Sunday 4th Aug

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~~Sat~~ Monday 5th Aug.

A dreary drizzling day. L. to Lewes to fetch a parcel. I & M's walk round the top. All butterflies clinging to grass. Found mushrooms after tea. Mungi did not come. L. ill. Guns very loud.

A finer day. very hot down by the town. High wind outside. 29 post at Southease. Afternoon post changed to 5.45. Into the hollow after tea. & found the same caterpillar – dark brown with 3 purple spots on either side of the head – that we found last year. We took him home. A certain number of mushrooms. Mist blown over the hills in the evening.

Bank holiday. A thoroughly wet dismal day. Mist all day, sometimes pouring wet. A few bank holiday people up the Drove. Went out in the rain in the afternoon, & found a great

Merday 6th Aug.

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number of mushrooms. Got soaked. No sign of rain stopping. Only one tree has eating apples, & these are being picked by the cottagers. One tree has a good many cookers. We have begun to use them. Not a plum on the plum tree.

A terrible downpour all the morning. Sheep & Carthorses looking very wretched. Sudden change to fine weather in about 10 minutes after lunch. Hot sun & blue sky. Servants walked to Lewes. L. & I round M's walk & into the hollow for mushrooms. Found a fair number, 20. deep in grass that we probably miss several. The caterpillar has disappeared. There is a purple smudge on the window sill, which makes it likely that he was crushed. Saw a fritillary in the down. Moderate size with silver on the back of the wing.

Wed. 7th Aug.

Thurs. 8th Aug.

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Friday 9th Aug.

In spite of fine evening, today is very cloudy & hot. I bicycled to Firle to get a postal order. L. mended his typewriter. Still; might almost be autumn. Fields full of clover. Wasps beginning to bother. Bees swarming round the attic chimney yesterday: but we dare not look for honey.

A dreary, grey day, though not actually raining. Wind getting higher & higher. Servants to Charleston. L. had to mend a puncture first. I to get mushrooms — almost a record find. A cluster of 8 on my patch — several in the hollow. We dined off blackberries last night. No kodak films to be had.

Windy morning, but improving later. To Lewes. Bought an oil stove & ~~&~~ assayed about coal. Took rooms for Adrian at Mrs. Morry's, New Cottages, Beddingham. A fine hot afternoon: corn being cut by hand on the slope over Glynde.

Sat. 10th Aug.

Sunday 11th Aug.

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Mon. 12th Aug.

Weather superb: very hot & still. Up to get mushrooms. Bonwick followed us. Servants got enough blackberries to make 4 lbs: Jam: as well as puddings. Mrs. Wooler calls them bilberrys, & says the jam won't keep. Mushrooms weighed 1½ lbs.

Very hot & fine. Mrs. B. & L. to tea at Charlestin. I walked to meet them at the Fyrle woods. Men cutting corn in spite of Sunday.

Very hot & fine again. not stuffy but no very high wind. To pick mushrooms, some of which we sent to Mrs. Woolf. We got 2 lbs: which is our record. not only in the hollow but in the top. L: to stay with Mr. Bonwick on his way to York. Corn very cut by hand in the field across the road.

Wednesday 13th

Wed 14th Aug.

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Thursday 15th

very fine & hot. though some wind.
Servants to Brighton. I to
Charleston, by Firle. Noticed to
order 7 lbs: pot of jam. Plenty
ripe at Charleston. but they have
no mushrooms, & a bad crop of
apples.

Still very fine — west wind.
Rode back here in the afternoon
L. had already come. up to
get mushrooms — some signs
that the crop is dying down
though still enough. Corn
cut in the field across the road
& swept in stacks. Men
work till 9. No one willing
to do pumping. Found another
caterpillar.

The weather goes on the same.
Another fortnight like this, & a
fillick says, will mean a
perfect harvest. To Lewes.
got 4 lbs of coal from Newington.
took Adrian's (ration) cards.

Friday, 16th Aug.

Sat. 17th Aug.

Sun. 18th Aug.

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Mon. 19th Aug.

To Lewes. Got 4 tons of coal. Stopped at A's lodgings in the way back. Weather still perfect

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Weather changed. Clouds & high wind. Carrington came about 3. To the post with her. Adua & Karin to tea & dinner. Downpour after tea.

Very windy. Decided it was too cold to go to picnic. Carrington walked to Charleston. L. & I went mushrooming. Got enough for a dish. A. & K. to dinner. It got quite fine Carrington back about 10.30. They had picnic.

Cold & windy. Rained in the afternoon. Very misty over the downs. Carrington went. A. & K. came to stay. Mushrooming after lunch. Long grass hides them. Horses coming out. Found enough.

Mon Aug. 20th.

Wed. Aug 21st

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Monday Aug 22nd.

Friday
~~Wednesday~~. Aug. 23d.

Cloudy day: change to fine afternoon:
x change again to mist - White &
thick hiding the Downs. Sat on
the Terrace in the afternoon -
B. & K to fetch milk.

A day beginning with mist, but
turned hot. Harvest being got in
at a great rate - said to be the
best for 50 years.

Perhaps the hottest day this
year. Too hot to walk even
after tea. We went on to the
Downs after dinner. Full moon
came up. Sat on the terrace
till bedtime with the lamp on
a table.

Eggs going up to 5½d. Much
colder. Rough fine. To post
at Rodmell. Home over the
down. Got mushrooms.

Sat. Aug. 24th.

Sunday Aug 25th.

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Mon. Aug 26th

Tuesday. Aug 27th

Very fine & hot again: A. spoke in German to one of the prisoners. A plague of bees wasps & flies. Out into the down. No mushrooms

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to picnic at Firle. Fine at starting, though windy. After tea clouds came up & rain began. We waited - except L. who bicycled back - till 6.30. then set off in downpour. Back 7.30 drenched through. Clouds broke later.

Very windy, sunny at times, but unsettled. Met Gunn getting his harvest in with German prisoners. ~~to~~ To get papers, but they were not sent. Home over the top. A great many blackberries. Saw no mushrooms.

Fine & windy. Nothing new.

Wed. 28th Aug.

Thursday 29th Aug.

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Friday 30th Aug.

Sat. 31st Aug.

L. to London to do proofs. A very windy & cloudy day. Went into the hollow. got no mushrooms. Walked to post with A. Evening got fine & warm. L. back after tea

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A perfect hot day. I bicycled to Charleston. Men putting drains into the road between Beddingham & Charleston. No wind for a wonder.

A. & K to Brighton to see a ear Dr. very windy again, though fine. Most of the harvest seems to be in. An old thatcher thatching the stack behind the house. Told L: that many people die at 4 in the afternoon. A. & K. back after dinner. Good news from France these last days.

Pernel came at 4. A. & K went to Charleston after tea. We walked over the top, but

Sunday. 1st Sept.

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Monday 2nd Sept.

Tuesday 3rd Sept.

Wed. 4th Sept.

the wind too high for pleasure.
Only found one mushroom.

Fine but the north wind blowing hard right up the avenue. Put some cinders on the path before tea. L. is making new paths & beds. Went into the hollow after tea & found a hat full of mushrooms, all newly grown & fresh. Servants to Charleston

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Very windy, with sun out, but cold. Some patches of the downs very hot. Went mushrooming with Pemel. Servants frightened by heavy firing.

A perfect hot day. To Brighton.
I drove to Lewes with Pemel, who went back. Sat on the pier. Firing from Newhaven.

The day not so fine. Liz came.
Plans begun with mist on the meadows.

Thursday 5th Sept.

Friday 6th Sept.

Sat. 7th Sept.

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Sun. 8th Sept.

Mon. Tues. Wed. Thr.
Fri. 13th Sept.

Perfect weather again. Rooks come swarming round the trees in the evening.

L: to London. I to Charleston for the afternoon. Very fine & hot. Got a hatfull of mushrooms first. Home for dinner.

Very wet & misty first thing; & a high wind, but this cleared up after lunch. Lizz & servants to meet Mena — without success. Got mushrooms — Bunny I lb: all very good ones. for the night. Thunderstorm. Leaves on the woods still very green.

Very windy. Bury looked at honey Bees at work, but unable to get it without moving slabes. B. went. Got mushrooms.

All these days windy & showery, though no wet days.

14th Sept. Sat.

15th Sept. Sunday.

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16th Sept. Monday.

17th Sept Tuesday.

18th Sept Wed.

A wet day without stopping. Webbs arrived for tea. G. Young later. Very windy & cold.

Morning dull. Cleared up wonderfully after tea. Walked to Telscombe with G Young on his way to Brighton. Very soft fine evening. Wood fires.

Webbs went. Fine day though windy.

Scene with Lottie about pumping. The servants went on holiday. I bicycled to Charleston - very fine warm day. Clive. May arrived. Bicycle punctured. So walked back the cold way.

Book sent from the Times late at night. Mr Geall fetched it from Glynde. Sat in all day.

19th Sept. Thursday.

20th Sept Friday.

21st Sept Sat.

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22nd Sept. Sunday.

23rd Sept Monday.

worked all day. Telegram came
putting off Chris. Many. Very
windy but fine.

Nothing to notice.

To Lewes to buy 2 handled saw.
Met Gentler at Lewes station.
Went by train to Glynde. Ha. I
walked back over fields.

Very bad wet day. Walked to
post at Southease, but wet
through. Rain came into
Gentlers room.

Gentler went in the afternoon,
walking to Glynde. I walked
for mushrooms. They are getting
browner on the top. but
have gone on with only one
interval of about a week.

24th Sept Tuesday.

25th. Sept. Wed.

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26th Sept. Thursday.

27th Sept. Friday.

Wa went by Kingston to see the sale, but cd not go in as L: was taken short.
Bicycled into Lewes to fetch books for L: but could not find parcel at station. Asked about coal - told there is ~~Began pic~~ not ind' to cook dinners

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Began about now to pick ~~wo~~ sticks in the woods. At first tried the left hand plantation. Mrs Geall wait go there because of snakes. Found plenty of wood blown down. Gunn has given us a tree. We saw wood every day with the new saw. L: splits it with a chopper.

To post at Southeare. Always meet Germans coming back. When alone, I smile at the tall German. The fields are being ploughed.

L: to London. Very windy & cold. Got wood. L. back late without fish. News that Bulgaria makes peace

28th Sat: Sept.

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29th Sept. Sunday.

30th Sept. Monday.

Very cold wind. Sawed wood after
lunch. I got a chill & was sick in
the night. We have both been
poisoned — I slightly, L. considerably,
by bad meat, or flies lately.
Marsh visits upon renders, loves
jaunts though we are alone.
which go bad. Read Molly's novel.

Stayed in bed most of the day with
headache. Rained all day without
stopping. I use my fur bag to sit
in. We burn no coal. Quite
in Kitchen. Gealls have no coal,
tho' ordered in June. No jam
for 2 weeks from Stores.

L. to London. Back soon after
tea. I collected wood. Three
days all very fine. sometimes
a great deal of wind blowing
in at the windows. Set the
L. bought the quilt in Lewes
I gave it me for a present.

Tues. 1st Oct.

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Wed. 2nd Oct.

Thursday 3rd. Oct.

leaves are hardly falling yet, & not nearly as withered as this time last year. Mrs. G: calls a fine morning either a brewing day or a hop-picking day. Mr. Geall has picked both trees of apples.

Sturgeons. Came over about 3. I was getting wood. Lost my basket & saw. Gave them tea, as they had to walk 2 miles beyond Lewes. Found basket & saw afterwards.

A great noise like a cart in the drive woke us up both – Thunder perhaps. Our caterpillar has turned into a chrysalis

To Lewes. It a rainy day. L. had his hair cut by a man with a cold, which he caught. To Coopers: no jam. Could get no damages. L: got his books at last at the goods station.

Fri. 4th Oct.

NYPL

Sat. 5th Oct.

Sunday 6th Oct.

L: does the garden. Has now dug a bed across to our flower bed: this to be planted with vegetables. He has moved the peonies from the large flower bed to the new one. The flowers have been a great success this year - Nasturtiums have climbed over the wall. Japanese anemones have done well. also dahlias. To get mushrooms - Still enough for a dish, though apt to be rotted by rain & very brown.

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heard from Nena about her interview with Nelly & L: Rooks stealing walnuts in great numbers. Children asked leave to pick them in the road. To get mushrooms, but only found about 6. too windy to walk round M's walk.

A fine but windy day. L.

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busy packing all day as we go at 10.15 tomorrow. We are taking in back of apples, & leaving a good many here. We took the cat out but it ran away & has not been seen since. Too windy for M's walk, though very sunny. It is a very late autumn. The tree at the end of the field still too thick to see the postman by through. We am going via East Grinstead to avoid Crowh.

Hamill 2.11.65

53 pages

Linen at Atheham.

Jan: 1918.

9 linen sheets.
18. Cotton sheets.
14. Cotton pillow cases.
6 Linen pillow cases.
2 table napkins.
2 Side board cloths.
2. table cloths.
5. Bath Towels.
15 Face Towels.

Linen left to be washed. Jan.

11 sheets.
7. pillow cases.
2 table cloths
1 side cloth.
5 bath towels.
2 table napkins.
14 Face towels.
2 tea cloths.

Hamill 3.11.25